

State Water Resources Control Board

FUNDING DETERMINATION Drinking Water for Schools (DWFS) Grant Program Burrel Union Elementary School District (District) Project (Project)

Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff completed the technical review of the District's DWFS application (Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool Pin No. 42122), and recommends approving \$100,000 in grant funding for the Project.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project, as described in the table below, is for one school: Burrel Union Elementary School. The school is located in the town of Riverdale in Fresno County. Due to lead exceedances, the school had all but one drinking water fountain removed from the campus in 2012. The one remaining fountain is broken and was capped off.

School/Cost/Need	Tasks	Project Duration
Burrel Union Elementary School/\$100,000/116 students/25 employees/both impaired access and water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install 5 drinking water fountains/filling stations with carbon filters to address lead contamination. Install 1 pedestal filling station/drinking fountain with carbon filter to address lead contamination. Install 3 carbon filter kits on existing sinks where filtration is necessary (building sinks that are regularly used by students, cafeteria sink for food preparation) Install electricity for new fountain/filling stations installations. Per Division of Drinking Water District Engineer, a one-month pilot study will be performed at one of the new installations. If results are acceptable, installation will continue at all units. 	Approximately until March 31, 2021 (per District, exempt from Division of State Architect)

ELIGIBILITY

As summarized in the table below, the Project is consistent with the DWFS Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines), adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on May 16, 2017 ([Resolution No. 2017-0032](#)):

Eligible Recipient	YES	Local Educational Agency serving grades K-12 and preschool/day care located on public school property
Disadvantaged Community (DAC)	YES	Median Household Income (MHI) = \$38,625 (for the community), which is less than \$49,454 (80% of the 2015 Statewide MHI)
Small Community	YES	Population = 467 (for District), which is less than 20,000
Impaired Drinking Water Quality	YES	All fountains, except one, were removed in 2012 due to lead contamination. The one fountain that remains is broken and capped off. The source of the lead contamination is unknown (distribution system or the fixtures). Technical assistance is being pursued through other programs to aid in identifying the source of lead and potential long-term solutions.
Impaired Access	YES	All fountains, except one, were removed due to lead exceedances in 2012. The existing fountain is broken. The District needs to add access to comply with Section 38086 of the Education Code which requires school districts to provide adequate access to free, fresh, drinking water during meal times.
Eligible Project Scope	YES	As described in the application and summarized in the table above, the proposed scope is consistent with the Guidelines
Eligible Funding Amount	YES	\$100,000 is above \$25,000 minimum, and meets \$100,000 maximum per individual school and \$1,000,000 maximum per entity
Other Funding Source	NO	The Project would be fully funded by the DWFS Program
Technical Assistance (TA) Provided	YES	This District received TA from Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) subcontractor, Self-Help Enterprises (SHE)

FISCAL IMPACT

The remaining balance for grants to DWFS projects is \$9,214,396. If the Project is approved, the balance will be reduced to \$9,114,396.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DETERMINATION

Staff has made a determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA for the following reasons:

- Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Div. 6, Ch.3, Article 19, Section 15301 Class 1-Operation, repair, maintenance and/or minor alteration of an existing structure
- Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Div. 6, Ch. 3, Article 19, Section 15303 Class 3-Construction or remodification of a limited number of new or existing small structures

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By signing below, the Deputy Director of DFA approves a preliminary award of \$100,000 in DWFS grant funds for the Project and concurs with the above CEQA determination. DFA staff is directed to prepare a grant agreement with the District for execution.

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5/31/18

Date

